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THE TREATMENT OF LOCALIZED  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 39 as follows:

39 (amended). A method for inhibiting the action of TNF for treating a pathologic condition in a human, the pathologic condition being a disease or disorder which is caused or exacerbated by the action of said TNF by administering a TNF antagonist, defined as any of the following types of molecules directed against said TNF: a monoclonal antibody; a monoclonal antibody fragment; or a fusion protein; comprising the steps of: